

## Talalang

In the beginning of time, when the people who lived in Jogjogway and those who lived in Longwa-an were returning, most of them came here in Talalang. And this Talalang, for it was where most of the people did swidden farming, now then they made a... all the places where their farms were located, these were where they set up their houses. And because Talalang was better, more extensive to live in, they then built their permanent homes there.

And there was a tree which was named Atillalang. And that particular tree, *every...* it bore fruit every year. And the people's belief was that, if it bore fruit, they just got its fruits, for it is said that they felt strong when they ate of the fruit of the Atillalang. For even at the upperstream, they purposefully went to Talalang when the Atillalang tree bore fruit for their bodies got strong, it is said, when they ate its fruit. That is the reason they did not cut down the Atillalang for there were plenty of trees around the edges of their farms, but they did not cut it down for that was where they got the fruit which reportedly gave vigor to the body.

And because that particular tree Atillalang grew at the upstream area of Talalang at the area adjoining the slopes. But because the water smashed it during each storm, or the water battered the base of its trunk. Now then, the soil kept on being eroded away, and the base of that Atillalang tree became hollowed out. Now, after some years, typhoons and strong rains were frequent, for the river kept getting diverted for when it became strong, er, when a storm came, the water swelled, it kept on lashing at the base of where the Atillalang tree grew. And later on, one time during a powerful storm, that tree fell and was carried away by the water of Sałtan and they did not know where it had gone.

And that particular tree, there were no others which were called Atillalang, which was where they were supposed to get its fruit from. And that particular Atillalang, for this Talalang had no name yet, so they named Talalang as Talalang today. That is how Talalang got its name. For the Atillalang tree, from which they got fruits which they believed invigorated the body when they ate its fruit, for the fruit of that tree is sweet when you boil it. And that is the reason Barangay Talalang is named Talalang because of that tree Atillalang. That is how Talalang got its name.

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